

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 5 October 2005

Sue Rothrock called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Steven Blades, Deborah Kenney, Sue Rothrock, and Danny Schweers (secretary).

ABSENT: Lou Bean (member emeritus) is celebrating his 80th birthday. Ann Schmittinger is getting ready to leave the village on a trip. David Gerbec was on an expedition to Nebulloid Bongoland West.

DAMPNESS IN MEMORIAL GARDEN. The Swim Gild has drained the pool and the Memorial Garden is now dry, after being wet all summer, but it has not rained. Pool water bill has not gone up but the Arden Club water bill has gone up, suggesting they may have a leak.

FOREST SUB-COMMITTEE. No report from Sub-Committee. Their budget has been increased to \$3,500 to deal with trees and encroachment.

SPRAY FOR INVASIVES. Invasives, especially English Ivy, has been sprayed behind Alan and Marie Burslem's leasehold; later it will be addressed by hand. We will see how it turns out. Some kudzu has been found; it was sprayed also. We could use some goats. For a moment, the committee is lost in reverie thinking about "Goats on the Green." Paulownia (Princess) trees were found in Arden Woods, a revered wood in Japan, a quickly spreading invasive. Also, Ailanthus trees (Trees of Heaven) were found; look like Sumac, spread quickly. The Paulownia and Ailanthus trees found had a basal spraying; that is, a spray on trunk, that tree only.

SURVEY BOUNDARIES. Arden Trustee Connee McKinney is serious about surveying the boundaries of the village, to distinguish between woods and leaseholds and Ardentown. Deborah notes that we need markers if we pay for a survey, so survey isn't lost over time.

DUMPING IN FOREST: Someone is dumping from Sunset Farms as well as along new addition to Sherwood Forest.

WOODS CLOSURE: Motion was made and passed at last Town Meeting to close woods from dusk to dawn; at next meeting, an ordinance will be introduced to make this permanent.

LEAF REMOVAL. Sue showed a draft of the annual leaf removal letter. We may not have the funds this year to remove leaves from roads, Rights-of-way, and greens. Last year's bill for greens and gutters only, around the greens, was \$5,400.

CINAGLIA TREE. The Trustees want to plant a tree in honor of Marianne Cinaglia in the north corner of Arden Green, near where an old oak recently died, a swamp white oak, a species that likes water and may live for 300 years.

TRASH PICKUP: Town Assembly asked us to consider once-a-week pickup instead of twice. With advent of recycling, we don't generate as much trash as we once did. This should be considered by all three Ardens at once. Sue will ask chairs of all three Ardens to consider.

NEXT MEETING: Sue and Rick Rothrock are hosting many artists from foreign countries the first week of November, so she cannot meet on November 2. Will meet on November 9 instead. This will be the last meeting of the year.

RESIGNATION OF DEBORAH KENNEY. Deborah, for personal reasons, has to resign from the committee, effective immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,
Danny N. Schweers, Secretary